



ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL  
*The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
October 11, 2020

ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR

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**WELCOME HOME! A few important notes on today's liturgy:**

- + Please keep your mask/face covering on whenever you are in the Cathedral. Your mask must cover both your nose and your mouth at all times.
- + Always observe social distance of at least six feet between family groups.
- + Archbishop Etienne, Father Ryan, and other speakers will remove their mask for the spoken parts of the Mass. Whenever they do so they will remain a minimum of twelve feet (extreme social distance) away from other people.
- + Please do not move around the Cathedral before or during Mass.
- + Thank you! We can all help each other stay safe and comfortable by following these common sense guidelines.

## *The Introductory Rites*

### PRELUDE

“Caprice” from *Fantasie Pieces*  
Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

### ENTRANCE

Christians, joining hand to hand, In one bond united,  
Pressing onward to that land Where all wrongs are righted:  
Let your words and actions be Worthy your vocation;  
Chosen of the Lord, and free, Heirs of Christ's salvation.

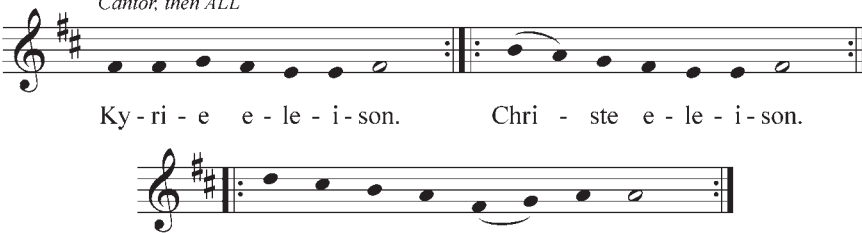
J. A. Warner

*Christians, joining hand to hand*  
AVE VIRGO VIRGINUM

### PENITENTIAL ACT

*New Plainsong Mass*  
David Hurd (b. 1950)

*Cantor, then ALL*



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

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### GLORIA

*Mass in Honor of St. Benedict*  
Robert LeBlanc (b. 1948)

*ALL:*



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 - en - ly King, O God, al - might - y Fa - ther.

*Cantor 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.*



## COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

### *The Liturgy of the Word*

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-10a

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23

Robert J. Batastini (b. 1945)

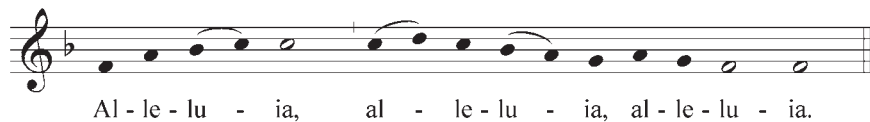


## SECOND READING

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

## ALLELUIA

Mode VII



## GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

## HOMILY

**Father Alex Pablo** (Saturday 5:30pm)  
**Archbishop Paul D. Etienne** (8:00am)  
**Father Ryan Rallanka, SJ** (10:30am)

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

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,

ALL BOW  
and by the Holy Spirit  
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.  
ALL STAND UPRIGHT  
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


All respond: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

## *The Liturgy of the Eucharist*

SANCTUS

*Corpus Christi Mass*  
chant, adapt. Richard Proulx (1937–2010)


*Cantor, then All:*



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

*Cantor: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*


*Cantor, then All:*



Ho - san - na in the high - est, in the high - est.

*Cantor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Cantor, then All:*




Ho - san - na in the high - est, in the high - est.


MYSTERY OF FAITH

chant, adapt. Proulx

*Cantor, then All:*



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,



we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

AMEN

chant, adapt. Proulx

*All:*



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

LORD'S PRAYER

Cantor: Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

ALL: take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

**Please kneel following the sung Lamb of God and remain kneeling until it is time for your row to go forward for Holy Communion.**

### *Distribution of Holy Communion*

- + Communion is given only in the hand. Hold your hand as flat as possible.
- + As you process forward to receive communion, and as you return to your seat, please maintain six feet of separation between family groups.
- + Wear your mask. Hold your hands out flat so that the minister can easily put the host on your open palm without touching your hand. (If contact is made, the EM is required to stop and sanitize her or his hands before moving on to the next household.)
- + After receiving Holy Communion, lower your mask with one hand, put the host in your mouth, and then put your mask back on.
- + Following the procession, please exit by the door nearest you. This may not be the door you came in. Maintain social distance as you leave the Cathedral and follow the directions of the ministers.
- + Thank you! We can all help each other stay safe and comfortable by following these common sense guidelines.

### COMMUNION

Remove from me all scorn and contempt,  
for I have kept your commandments;  
for your law is the object of my meditations.

*Aufer a me*  
Mode II

### BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

#### ANTIPHON TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (10:30am)

*Ave Maris stella*  
Peter Piel (1835–1904)

### POSTLUDE

“Allegro molto marcato” from *Symphony No. 5*  
Louis Vierne (1870–1937)



## 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 8:00am - 10:30am (public and livestream)  
Weekdays 8:00am (livestream)  
Saturdays 8:00am (livestream) & "Vigil" 5:30pm (public)

**LITURGY of the HOURS** Weekdays at 12:10 pm

### VESPERS and BENEDICTION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sundays at 4:00pm (livestream)

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

**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 Nancy Granger, 206-382-4269

**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](http://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 YOUR SAFETY** At each of the weekend Masses a Seattle police officer or uniformed security guard is present on the Cathedral campus.

## The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 11, 2020

**ON THE COVER** *I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready; come to the feast.* Detail of the Last Supper relief, Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Artist unknown, 1907.

**FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR** are offered by Sandy Morgan in celebration of October family birthdays.

**PUBLIC MASS AND ADORATION ON TUESDAYS** The 8:00am Mass on Tuesdays is now open to the public. After Mass, we will have quiet Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral, with rosary at 12 Noon. No advance registration is required to come to this Mass or to participate in Adoration. All our usual Covid-19 guidelines will be observed, including face masks and social distancing. Please note that we will continue to livestream daily Mass at 8:00am for the duration of the pandemic.

**VESPERS AND BENEDICTION** on Sunday afternoons at 4:00pm is now open to the public. No advance registration required.

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THE CATHEDRAL KITCHEN** A parishioner recently donated five \$100 gift cards for dinner at noted Issaquah restaurant Ristorante Nicolino Italiano, with proceeds to benefit the Cathedral Kitchen. Buy one or more at face value—a great way to benefit our outreach ministry and enjoy a delicious meal! *Information*, Maria Laughlin, 206-382-4284 or mlaughlin@stjames-cathedral.org.

**FAITH AND RACIAL HEALING** Mondays, 6:30pm-9pm starting on October 12 Do you want to address racism in your faith community, but you don't know where to begin? The St. James Cathedral Life, Peace and Justice Commission invites you to participate in an 8-week module that guides participants in telling the truth about the history of racism in the U.S., that we might work toward true reconciliation with God and restoration with one another. *Information and registration*, Patrick Barredo, pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org.

**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 Our Lady of Fatima in Seattle and St. Edward in Seattle and Shelton; and we pray for the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary on October 6, the feast day of their Foundress Blessed Marie Rose Durocher.

**OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH: LIVE THE GOSPEL OF LIFE** The Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' saving message to the world. Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. Learn more at <https://www.usccb.org/respectlife>.

**FRATELLI TUTTI** On Saturday, October 3, Pope Francis will travel to Assisi to the tomb of St. Francis to pray and sign his new encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*. On Sunday, October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, his encyclical on human fraternity and social friendship will be released to the world.

**OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE PANDEMIC** Catholic Community Services/Catholic Housing Services (CCS/CHS) has asked the Cathedral to provide meals for their day centers and shelters. Hot casseroles and cold sandwiches are greatly appreciated. In addition, toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, soaps and shampoos, feminine hygiene products), canned ready-to-eat meals (ie soup or chili), cup of noodles, easy mac & cheese, K-cup coffee, cocoa and tea, individual servings of chips, crackers, granola bars and cereals have been requested. Deliver food to Cathedral Hall (803 Terry Ave.), Tuesdays, 9am to 11am. *Information*, Patrick Barredo ([pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org)).

**DE-ESCALATION & PERSONAL SAFETY THROUGH A TRAUMA-INFORMED LENS** Tuesday, October 27, 2020, 6:30pm—8pm via Zoom. Martin Reinsel, MA, LMHC shares his vast clinical experience to help you learn de-escalation skills, and how to engage with challenging behaviors, exceptional situations and unusual circumstances. He will offer tangible approaches to Preparedness as they relate to Prevention, Intervention, and Post-intervention practices for the safety of all involved. *Registration*, Patrick Barredo 206-382-4515 or [pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org).

**REGISTER TO VOTE** Be sure to register, update, and learn what's on your ballot. Go to <https://votewa.gov>

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO COMPLETE YOUR 2020 CENSUS** U.S. Census data will help inform how hundreds of billions of dollars in funding are distributed across our communities each year for things your community needs, like hospitals and clinics. Visit [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov). Love your neighbor; make sure they're counted.

**FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP** Learn more about Catholic Social Teaching and its emphasis on participation in the political process. Videos, teachings and links to resources are available on the Cathedral Outreach page: <https://www.StJames-Cathedral.org/Outreach/CST.aspx>.

**EMAIL SCAM** In the past few months, there have been reports of parishioners and parish staff receiving emails claiming to be from their parish priest, and requesting that the recipient send gift cards or initiate wire transfers. Someone is setting up fake email addresses using the pastor's name. This is happening across the Archdiocese of Seattle. Please be aware that this is a scam. *Information*, Maria Laughlin, 206-382-4284.

## Musical Prayer

**LIVESTREAM CONCERTS THIS WEEK** All concerts are livestreamed on the Cathedral's Vimeo and Facebook pages, and archived there and on the Cathedral website. ([vimeo.com/stjamescathedral](https://vimeo.com/stjamescathedral) and [facebook.com/stjamesseattle](https://facebook.com/stjamesseattle))

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13 AT 7:00PM:** We continue our observance of the 150th anniversary of French composer Louis Vierne's birth with a survey of his music written for the King of Instruments. Cathedral Organist Joseph Adam will play Vierne's *Fantasia Pieces, Book I*. The program is approximately forty minutes in length.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 AT 6:30PM:** Musical Prayer in the Cathedral. Join us each Friday evening at 6:30pm as our Cathedral Musicians and friends present a half-hour of meditative music to soothe the soul and bring a quiet end to a busy week. This week's music is offered by Meaghan Guterman, soprano, with Joseph Adam, organ and piano.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELPLINE** During the COVID-19 pandemic, the SVdP Helpline may be able to refer you to sources of aid if you need help paying your rent or electricity bill or getting enough food or other basic necessities of life. If you live in Seattle or elsewhere in King County, please submit your request for help online at <https://svdpseattle.org/get-help/online-help-request-form/> anytime or by calling 206-767-6449 between 8am and 3pm Monday through Friday. Especially if you cannot handle a growing rent debt because you lost your job or had your hours reduced, please contact the Helpline. It is better to start seeking help now rather than waiting until the temporary eviction moratorium ends, when so many more people are expected to need help, too. And if you are fortunate enough to be able to help others, please donate to SVdP online at <https://www.stjames-cathedral.org/BusinessCenter/Giving.aspx> -- be sure to indicate your gift is for "SVdP." No amount is too small, and your funds will be put to work quickly by your Cathedral Vincentians. We are unpaid volunteers, so 99% of your donation goes directly to help our neighbors in need. Thank you! *Information*, Jo Ann Wiesner, 206-291-4012 or [wiesnerjo@gmail.com](mailto:wiesnerjo@gmail.com).

**KEEP YOUR BULLETIN** Please take your bulletin home with you! During this time of Covid-19, bulletins are one-time use only.

## Year of the Eucharist



"The Catholic life is a Eucharistic life. We, too, are to be blessed, broken, multiplied, and shared so that others may come to know Jesus Christ. Our faith is to be integrated into every aspect of our life" (Archbishop Etienne). *Is my faith really integrated into every aspect of my life?*





# Take another look

Six sessions, beginning Monday, October 12 and running Monday evenings through November 16, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm **on Zoom**

This is an opportunity to gather with other Catholics who have been away from active participation in the Church.

These sessions will offer opportunity to experience community, to learn about changes to the Church, ask questions, and perhaps to once again become part of your faith community...

If you have questions, or would like to sign up, contact Rosanne Michaels, [rmichaels@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:rmichaels@stjames-cathedral.org), or 206-790-1519.

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ONLINE FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION

# Ancestral Waters By Native Daily Network

The story of the Puyallup Tribe's fight for their treaty, sacred water, and way of life threatened by fracked gas.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14**  
**5PM FILM, 6:30 DISCUSSION**



Register: [pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org)



# Grow deeper in your understanding of the Eucharist



Thursday, October 22, 2020  
6:30pm-8:00pm (Zoom)

**Corinna Laughlin, presenter**

This is the Year of the Eucharist! This presentation will help us observe this special time of focus on the mystery of the Eucharist. As Archbishop Etienne has written, “The Catholic life is a Eucharistic life. We, too, are to be blessed, broken, multiplied and shared so that others may come to know Jesus Christ (see John 6:1-15). Our faith is to be integrated into every aspect of our life.”

## WEBINAR DETAILS

**Delve** deeper into the meaning of the Mass and reflect on its implications for our daily lives.

**Explore** some of the key themes of *The Work of Redemption: Eucharistic Belief and Practice in the Archdiocese of Seattle*, Archbishop Etienne’s pastoral letter.

**Reflect** on four principal movements of the liturgy—Gathering, Word, Presence, and Sending—and how each of them challenges us to live the Eucharist more fully in our daily lives.

The webinar is 90 minutes (including time for reflection and questions) and is offered via Zoom.

*Information and to register*, Corinna Laughlin,  
[claughlin@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:claughlin@stjames-cathedral.org) or 206-264-2086.





# Meeting Jesus Again

...or maybe for the first time

An on-line evening of reflection  
with Ron Ryan

**Wednesday, October 28 - 6:30 pm**

Many of us know a lot about Jesus, yet we may not feel like we have a "relationship" with him. How can we experience our faith as something that goes beyond an intellectual belief, to touch our hearts and lives? Join Ron Ryan for an evening of reflection to help us translate what we "know" about Jesus into actually "knowing" him.

*Ron Ryan, D. Min., served in full-time lay ecclesial ministry in various parish and catechetical roles for over 40 years.*

**To register and receive Zoom invitation, contact Maria Laughlin,  
[mLaughlin@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:mLaughlin@stjames-cathedral.org).**

**NAMI Family-to-Family** is a free, 8-session education program for family, friends and significant others of adults with mental health conditions. NAMI Family-to-Family provides information about anxiety, depressive disorders, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and other mental health conditions. Other topics covered include communication, problem solving, treatment and recovery.

**The course is designed to** increase understanding and advocacy skills while helping participants maintain their own well-being. The program is taught by trained family members who have a loved one with a mental health condition. NAMI Family-to-Family is an evidence-based program (EB). For information on the research base for the program, visit [nami.org/research](http://nami.org/research).

NAMI offers the Family-to-Family Education Program free of charge to participants. For more information on how to join our waitlist for early information about future classes and priority registration, please contact **NAMI Seattle** at [aislin@namiseattle.org](mailto:aislin@namiseattle.org).



### Participant Perspectives

*"This course overall was the single most, without a doubt, helpful and informative thing ever offered in all my years searching for answers...it has helped me to understand better and communicate more effectively with my brother."*

*"The course has helped me to realize that my son is still inside the body that is often times hidden by the mental illness and that I am not alone in this."*

**Contact us to join our NAMI Family-to-Family waitlist!**



**Aislin Percival, Program Coordinator**  
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**Seattle, WA 98117**  
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Please allow 48 hours for return contact by phone  
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### About NAMI

NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI Seattle is an affiliate of NAMI Washington state. NAMI Seattle and dedicated volunteer members and leaders work tirelessly to raise awareness and provide essential education, advocacy and support group programs for people in our community with mental health conditions and their loved ones.



# Holy Ground

Exploring Catholic history in the Pacific Northwest

PART 8: THE SHORT-LIVED DIOCESE OF WALLA WALLA

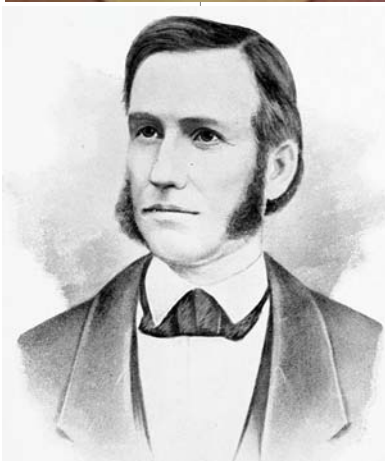
OCTOBER 11, 2020

This series of essays exploring the history of the Catholic Church in the Pacific Northwest began in September, 2019 but was interrupted when the bulletin was suspended due to the pandemic. It now resumes. You can catch up on the first six essays in the series at <https://www.stjames-cathedral.org/history/holyground/holyground.aspx>

Bishop A. M. A. Blanchet had prepared for his new duties and his new diocese as systematically as he could. He recruited priests and other helpers to assist him in establishing the Church in the wilds of Walla Walla; he raised a considerable amount of money to enable him to buy land and build churches; and he followed all the best advice about the Oregon Trail.

But nothing went according to plan. His party's relatively late departure meant that there was insufficient grass for the cattle to graze on along the Oregon Trail; many animals starved, and the twelve yoke of oxen Blanchet started with soon dwindled down to so few that heavier items—including the all-important plow—had to be abandoned along the way. "From Fort Hall to Walla Walla there were no less than a hundred wagons abandoned on the road because there were no more beasts to pull them," Blanchet wrote to the Bishop of Toronto. And travel turned out to be far more expensive than Blanchet anticipated. By the time he arrived in Walla Walla, he had spent almost all he had: "Farewell then, to the hope of beginning the episcopal establishment with the money subscribed by Quebec and Montreal; one must live while awaiting such help as may come from France."

When he spoke of help from France, Blanchet was alluding to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, a mission society established by French laywoman Pauline Jaricot, which later became an official agency of the Vatican. Little did Blanchet know that



ABOVE: Tiloukaikt, one of the chiefs of the Cayuse, painted by Paul Kane. CENTER: Dr. Marcus Whitman. BELOW: Father J. B. A. Brouillet, Vicar General of the Diocese of Walla Walla.

within a few months, the 1848 Revolution would see barricades rise in the streets of Paris and Louis Philippe fall from power. It would be a long time before the much-needed funds could reach the struggling Church in the Pacific Northwest. Without cash, Blanchet could only hope to purchase land and build churches if he could secure a credit advance from the Hudson's Bay Company at Fort Walla Walla.

The almost total lack of funds was not Blanchet's only difficulty. Less than three weeks after his arrival in Walla Walla, Blanchet received a visit from Dr. Marcus Whitman.

In the fall of 1847, Whitman was one of the best-known figures in the American west. A Methodist missionary as well as a medical doctor, Whitman had arrived in Waiilatpu, six miles west of present-day Walla Walla, eleven years earlier. He established a mission among the Cayuse and at the time of Blanchet's arrival was planning to start a new mission in the Dalles, in Oregon. Whitman's success had been mixed; indeed, he seemed to be more effective at bringing new white settlers to the region than in converting the indigenous people. In hindsight, part of the challenge was Whitman's insistence that the native peoples adopt farming, abandoning not only their religious practice, but their whole way of life. When Bishop Blanchet arrived, frayed relationships were reaching their breaking point, especially as Dr. Whitman was powerless to treat an epidemic of cholera and measles among the Cayuse, who were dying in great numbers.

The frustrated Whitman, however, placed the blame on the advent of other missionaries, especially the Catholics. As A. M. A. Blanchet wrote to his brother, the Archbishop of Oregon City, "It was on September 23rd, at Fort Walla Walla, that I first saw Dr. Whitman. He showed much

displeasure at my arrival to these reaches. He spoke of religion.... that he didn't like Catholics; and for this reason, would come to our aid with food only if we were starving." In his account, Father J. B. A. Brouillet, Blanchet's vicar general, recalled Whitman's words: "I know very well for what purpose you have come." To which Blanchet replied: "All is known... I come to labor for the conversion of the Indians, and even of Americans, if they are willing to listen to me."

This was a rude awakening to the realities of missionary life in Walla Walla. The Bishop persisted, nevertheless. He directed Father Ricard and the Oblates to establish a mission west of the Columbia River, while he and Brouillet ministered to the Cayuse on the east. Their chilly reception by the whites notwithstanding, the priests found a warm welcome from the native people. The Oblates were soon building St. Rose Mission among the Yakima, and Blanchet was heartened by the welcome he received from the Cayuse, who readily invited him to make a home among them.

Blanchet and Brouillet visited Tiloukaikt, a Cayuse chief, on November 8. Tiloukaikt told them that the spot he had in mind for them was Dr. Whitman's mission at Waiilatpu – he intended to send Whitman away. In some dismay, they declined this offer, and instead established St. Anne's Mission on the Umatilla River, about 25 miles from Waiilatpu.

Just a day or two after St. Anne's mission was established, Father Brouillet rode to Waiilatpu to baptize some infants at Tiloukaikt's invitation. He arrived in the early evening of November 30, only to discover the bodies of Marcus and Narcissa Whitman and a dozen others, lying where they had fallen in the massacre which had taken place the previous day. A few surviving women and about 30 children were confined nearby, terrified hostages. "I passed the night without scarcely closing my eyes," Father Brouillet wrote, and in the morning, did what he could to comfort the living, which was very little: "The sight of those persons caused me to shed tears, which, however, I was obliged to conceal, for I was the greater part of the day in the presence of the murderers, and closely watched by them, and if I had shown too marked an interest in behalf of the sufferers, it would only have endangered their lives and mine." With another man who had been spared in the massacre, Brouillet helped to wash and bury the bodies of the Whitmans and the other victims.

The situation was incredibly volatile. Brouillet, under constant scrutiny from the Cayuse men who had perpetrated the massacre, risked his own life to warn Protestant missionary Henry Spalding. The white settlers wanted to avenge the deaths of the Whitman party and to release the captives; the Cayuse chiefs wanted to avoid war with the whites. Bishop Blanchet found himself in the middle of the dispute, listening to the grievances and concerns of the Cayuse chiefs, who had not directed the massacre, though they well understood why it had happened. Blanchet wrote up terms for peace on their behalf, which were then delivered

to Fort Walla Walla by Father Brouillet.

For a time, it seemed as if peace might be possible. The hostages were released to Fort Walla Walla on December 29. Bishop Blanchet accompanied them to Oregon City, where he intended to plead for a peaceful resolution to the crisis before Territorial Governor George Abernethy. But the Governor had already authorized the formation of volunteer militias to defend white settlements, and before Blanchet reached Oregon, armed volunteers under the direction of Colonel George Gilliam were marching towards Waiilatpu.

Father Brouillet, meanwhile, remained at the mission in Umatilla, still hoping that war might be averted. But fear and misinformation were rampant on both sides, and fighting broke out on February 19, 1848. The next day, Father Brouillet abandoned St. Anne's Mission and sought safety at Fort Walla Walla. There he was joined by the Oblates, and the whole party followed Bishop Blanchet to Oregon. Less than six months after their arrival in Walla Walla, the priests were gone. The Oblates would return, briefly, but St. Anne's Mission at Umatilla was burned to the ground.

The "Cayuse War," as it is called, dragged on for months. Those who had perpetrated the massacre were dead, but white settlers would not accept this. In 1850, five Cayuse chiefs, none of whom had been present at the massacre, surrendered themselves. In doing so, they hoped to secure peace for the Cayuse. In spite of the lack of evidence, they were tried, condemned, and hanged. Among them was Tiloukaikt, who had been one of the first to welcome Bishop Blanchet to the Northwest. Before he was hanged, he said, "Did not your missionaries teach us that Christ died to save his people? So we die to save our people."

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