



St. Jude Catholic Church

4330 Willamette Street
Eugene, Oregon 97405

September 15, 2019

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

<p>Welcome to St. Jude Catholic Church 4330 Willamette Eugene, OR 97405 541-344-1191 parishstjude@comcast.net phone app: WeConnect Parish App</p>	<p>Staff of St. Jude Father Jonah Lynch, Pastor Morrow, Office/Business Manager Jill Switzer, Music Veronica Lee, Music Mayann Lamb, Music Kate Kevern, Cantor Sylvia Murray, Cleaning</p>	<p>Mass Schedule Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am and 11:30 am Tuesday 12:30 pm Wednesday-Friday 9:00am</p>
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Please Pray for....

Mass Intentions:

9/14: Loree Anderson +

9/15: St. Jude Parish

Join us for daily masses!

Flower Calendar:

September 15: Jane Fleener,
In Memory of my brother, Lee Campbell

September 15: Don MacDougall,
In Memory of my dear wife, Marilyn MacDougall

September 22: Karen & Gabriel Del Valle,
In Honor of Our Wedding Anniversary

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Dot Choppy Funeral
Friday, September 20, 2019
2:00 p.m.



Followed by a reception in
the hall

If you would like to help with
the reception, call the office.
Bring a dessert to share!



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Daughters
of the Americas®

Court Oregon 118 invites all women to attend an
evening of prayer, social gathering and meeting on
the evening of Thursday, September 19th, 5:30 –
7:30 p.m. in the St. Mary Parish Center's main hall.
There will be finger foods and beverages provided.

Feel free to bring more refreshments to share.

We hope to see you there!

Mary's birthday

Outside my window, many trees stand in the sunlight. Some of them reach wide, with many arms in spread oration. Others are tall and strong, but reach gently downwards, as if to smile and beckon to earth-bound beings. Some are compact and fruitful, or hardy and sturdy, or gangly and moss-covered. There are a few that reach heavenward with an eloquent gesture of longing. At their tips, a few leaves push the tree higher. Next year a few more inches of growth will reach further toward the stars.

Last week, my column hinted at the immensity of time and history that slowly brought into being the stuff that makes up the sky and the earth, the trees and the humans who gaze upon them. It was a long story, from swirling clouds of super heated particles, to stars, to dust, to earth. It was a long and amazing story, filled with surprising events. Who could have guessed that protons, electrons, and neutrons could make hydrogen? Or that two hydrogen atoms could fuse into helium? Or that more and more complex atoms could be formed in the furnace of the stars, dependable and useful like carbon and iron, strange and beautiful metals like gold and mercury, wonderfully calm gases like argon and xenon? Even if we were to tell only this part of the story, it would be a marvelous story indeed.

But we know that this story continued, after immensely long preparation, with the story of life. Before it came into being, who could have guessed that all those different atoms could form into molecules, and that those molecules could be as distinct and specialized as lipid walls and hugely folded protein chains? And—miracle of miracles—who knew that those molecules could be organized into cells, and that those cells could self-replicate and multiply and fill the Earth with their varied offspring? Seeing the first amoeba, who could have expected that one day there would be thousands of different birds filling the air with their dancing flight and their song? Or who could have prophesied that turkeys would cackle and deer would graze in our park (along with a strange guest from elsewhere, a gila monster I found gazing at our electric transformer one sunny afternoon)?

And who could have guessed, from first principles, that at one point in this history there would be a being capable of self-reflection? Not merely self-replication (as if that were a small thing), but self-consciousness, and consciousness of the other, as mystery and promise and inalienable value, as person. Even more, who could have guessed that these human persons would be interested and able to speak with God?

A recent branching of the story, only a few thousand years old, regards a small and marginal group of desert nomads who learned not only to speak to God, but also to listen to him, to follow his commands, and to trust in the promises they were given. Their forefather was Abraham, and after him many generations grew up and were nourished by God's Word. They learned to listen closely, to excavate the Word and uncover brilliant treasures. They learned to expect liberation—from earthly tyrants, they thought at first, and then they realized that earthly tyranny is but a symbol of a much worse tyranny, the dominion of Death and Sin.

Like a fruitful vine, that branch grew where it was planted and filled the land. Abraham's descendants spread from the River to the Sea, on hilltops and around the lakes and far into the Northern lands. Some of the vine's shoots withered and were seen no more; but a strong branch kept yearning skyward, higher and higher. At the peak of that branch, the most perfect human was born. She was a Woman, God's last and best creation. She knew how to listen better than anyone ever had. She was like a tilled field, ready to receive seed. She was like the highest branch on the trees outside my window, her essence entirely longing for the light, sustained by the trunk of billions of years of prior history.

It is difficult to speak of the highest. We say "unblemished" or "immaculate", and thus define the pure by speaking of the blemished or the spotted. But on Mary's birthday, let us try to imagine a purity which is not defined by the lack of something negative. Let us try to imagine her simply, positively, as the blossom toward which all creation yearned, in order to inaugurate the new creation of which we are a part.

Friday, September 20, from 7-11 pm in the St. Jude Parish Hall, ceili (pronounced "kay-lee") dancing! Fun for all ages with traditional Irish dances. A beginner lesson, just enough so you can enjoy the night, runs from 7-8 pm, with a community dance following. Live music featuring Eliot Grasso and Gene Waddell (check out www.dreosmusic.com to get to know these excellent musicians). Dances will be called by Elisa Chandler of Ceili of the Valley. \$10 admission, \$5 students under 25.

Do you have pre-school aged children? Would you like them to encounter the love of God? Please come to an interest meeting about our pre-school catechesis program beginning this fall. The meeting will be held at 6 pm, after the Saturday evening mass on Sept. 28 in the parish hall. Our new pastoral associate, Elizabeth, will present her expertise regarding the education of young children.

Auction Wine Wall: It is time to start thinking about that bottle of wine you are going to donate to the wine wall. Donations accepted at church and continuing right up until the auction on October 12. Bringing your donation earlier is better for the volunteers! Retail value of your donated bottle must be at least \$10 – but may be more! Donation tags and carry boxes will be available along the back wall at church.

The Knights of Columbus St. Jude Council will be serving breakfast between the Masses on Sunday, September 15th!

Time: 10am – 11:30am Where: Parish Center

Price per meal – by donation

Proceeds to benefit KofC St Jude council and parish needs.

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Religious Education for All families: Come and join this fun and exciting meeting on Saturday, September 28, after the 5:00 pm Mass. This would include all children, even those who do not expect a sacrament this year.

R.C.I.A. Classes to begin for those who choose to join the Catholic Faith. Saturday, September 21, at 11:30 am in the Hilltop Center Offices.

The McNutt Family will be celebrating the baptism of their son on September 22, 2019 at the 9:00 am Mass.



National Remembrance for fallen Firefighters October 5-6, 2019. We honor those firefighters who died in the line of duty and we pause to remember all firefighters who made the ultimate sacrifice. Masses will be in Memory of our fallen heroes.