

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

OUR LADY OF THE PRESENTATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

• FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT •

BLESSED ARE YOU.

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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DECEMBER 23-29

MASS INTENTIONS

8:00 am Daily Masses / Misas

Tuesday—**Christmas Eve**

Wednesday - **Christmas Day**

Thursday 9:00 - † **Dennis Murphy**

Saturday - † **Gregorio & Dionisia Amaranta**

12:15 pm Daily Mass/ Misas diarias

Monday - †

Tuesday - **Christmas Eve**

Wednesday - **Christmas Day**

Thursday - **No 12:15 Mass**

Friday - † **Mary Hayles**

Sunday Masses/Misas dominicales

5:30 pm Vigil - **Brandon McCluskey**

8:00 am - † **Paul Killorin**

10:00 am - **Judy Spearin**

12:00 pm - **Por las Vocaciones Religiosas**

5:30 pm - **For Parishioners**

SERVERS/LECTORS/GREETERS

Proclaimers of the Word

8:00 am Tue ~ Pat Murphy

8:00 am Wed ~ No 8:00 Mass Christmas Day

9:00 am Thu ~ Jack Pynes

8:00 am Sat ~ Pat Murphy

12:15 pm Mon - John Harshberger

No 12:15 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday

12:15 pm Fri ~ Judy Spearin

5:30 pm Vigil ~ Mila Bill

8:00 am ~ Anie Helbling, Liz Norene

10:00 am ~ Skyla Chamard, Stephen Dignam

5:30 pm ~ Rosita Truesdell

Servers

8:00 am Tue ~ Leopoldo Gonzalez, Dan Young

8:00 am Wed ~ No 8:00 am Christmas Day

9:00 am Thu ~ Daniel Smisor

8:00 am Sat ~ Victor Nnoli

12:15 pm Mon, Fri - Dan Young

No 12:15 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday

5:30 pm Vigil ~ Ignacio Hernandez, Mark Svarverud

8:00 am ~ Eliza M, Luke M, Chloe S

10:00 am ~ Caralyn C, Grace C, Sofia C

5:30 pm - Eli B, Noah B

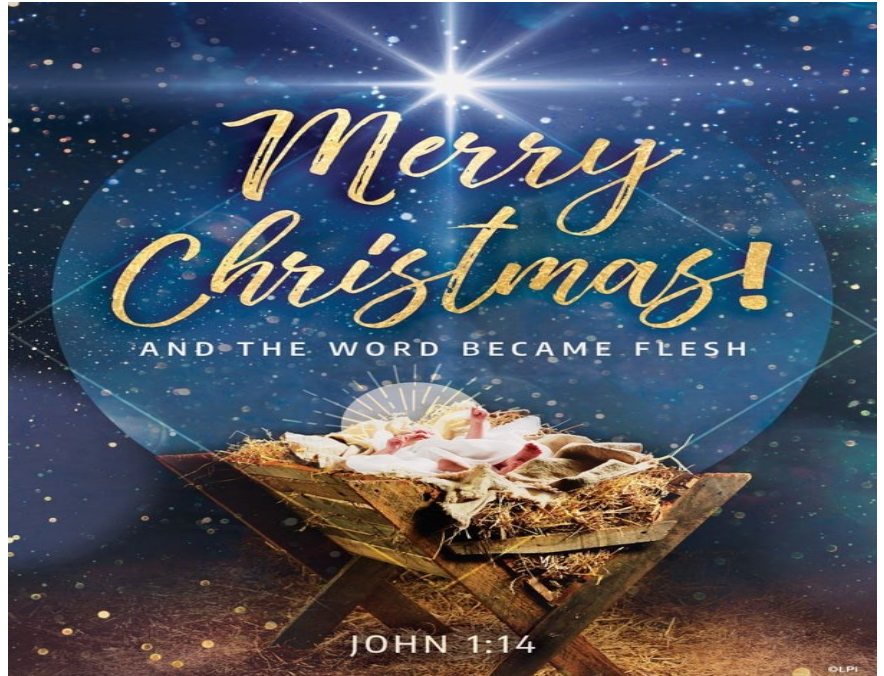
Ushers & Greeters

5:30 pm Vigil ~ Nancy Hathaway, Kelly Power

8:00 am ~ Josh & Diana Ambroson

10:00 am ~ Marielena & Uvaldo Malagon,

5:30 pm LifeTeen ~ Jason Brown



FROM TODAY'S READINGS

From Bethlehem shall come one who will rule Israel. Born of Mary, the servant of the Lord, he will protect and save us, offering himself once and for all in doing the Father's will.

DE LAS LECTURAS DE HOY

De Belén saldrá el que gobernará a Israel. Nacido de María, la sierva del Señor, él nos protegerá y salvará, ofreciéndose de una vez por todas para cumplir la voluntad del Padre.

Next Week's Readings/Lecturas para la próxima semana:

Mi 5:1-4a

Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Salmo Is 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Heb 10:5-10

Lk 1:39-45

IN LOVING MEMORY

We pray for the repose of the souls of our loved ones.

RECORDANDO CON CARÍÑO

Oramos por el reposo de las almas de nuestros seres queridos.

Jo Ann Brinkman, Leónides Trujillo, Mary Knox,
and Anthony Telesmanich

IN OUR PRAYERS

...all those who are ill, in our Book of Intentions

EN NUESTRAS ORACIONES

... todos los que están enfermos, en nuestro Libro de Intenciones

Maria Cortes and Kevin Bashan

Prayer requests are published in the Bulletin for three weeks,
and remain in the Book of Intentions for one year.

Due to the Holidays, the bulletin was submitted for publishing on **December 12.**

Debido a los días festivos,
el boletín fue enviado para su publicación el día **12 de diciembre.**

"A eucharistic parish united in Christ, proclaiming God's love to our neighbors through evangelization, service to others, liturgy, prayer, & education."

PARISH STAFF

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Assistant Custodian - part time

Sunday, December 22

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"33 DAYS" BOOK DISTRIBUTION

COFFEE & DONUTS

8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Mass
10:00 am Children's Liturgy
11:00 am Confirmation
12:00 pm Misa en español
1:30 pm St. V de Paul Conference
3:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group
5:30 pm LifeTeen Mass
7:00 pm La Posada

Monday, December 23

12:15 pm Mass (streamed)

Tuesday, December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

No Rosary, Prayer, & Discernment
No OCIA
8:00 am Daily Mass
9:00 AM Church Decorating
4:30 pm Christmas Vigil Mass
7:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass
10:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Wednesday, December 25

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 am Christmas Mass
11:00 am Misa de Navidad en español

Thursday, December 26

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 am Mass

Friday, December 27

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

11:00 am Reconciliation
12:15 pm Mass (streamed)
No La Esperanza

Saturday, December 28

8:00 am Mass
3:00 pm Reconciliation
5:30 pm Sunday Vigil

Sunday, December 29

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Mass
10:00 am Children's Liturgy
12:00 pm Misa en español
3:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group
5:30 pm LifeTeen Mass

Monday, December 30

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

12:15 pm Mass (streamed)

Tuesday, December 31

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

No Rosary, Prayer, & Discernment
No OCIA

11:00 am First Way Van

12:15 pm Mass (streamed)

5:30 pm Holy Day Vigil Mass

Wednesday, January 1

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

"33 DAYS" PILGRIMAGE BEGINS

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 am Holy Day Mass

12:15 pm Holy Day Mass

6:00 pm Misa del Día Santo en español

Thursday, January 2

8:00 am Mass

12:15 pm Mass (streamed)

Friday, January 3

8:30 am Adoration

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

11:00 am Reconciliation

12:15 pm Mass (streamed)

5:30 pm Benediction

6:30 pm Candlelight Christmas Seating

7:00 pm Candlelight Christmas Concert

No La Esperanza

Saturday, January 4

8:00 am Mass

3:00 pm Reconciliation

5:30 pm Sunday Vigil

CONTACT ST. MARY AT:

1062 Charnelton Street, Eugene, OR 97401

Phone: 541-342-1139

Email: information@stmaryeugene.com

St. Mary Concert Series

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT CELEBRATING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Experience an enchanting evening of song showcasing members of the parish, in the church on **Friday, January 3rd**, at 6:30 pm, with reception following.

Please make reservations by clicking the QR code, or by contacting the Parish Office.

Admission is free. Donations will be accepted at the door.

100% of the donations go to the St. Mary Building Fund.





Suggested song for meditation while lighting two purple and the rose advent candles (Choose one):

“Gabriel’s Message”

“Puer natus est nobis,” a Gregorian chant

“La Virgen sueña caminos,” a traditional Spanish hymn

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 10:5-7

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,’ as it is written of me in the roll of the book.”

MEDITATION

We have come to do the will of God. In his will we are free. May we be delivered from being overconfident in our own strength. May we be delivered from lacking trust in him. In all honesty, we are just beginners in the spiritual life. Much of our spiritual journey is this ebb and flow between us wanting to enthrone ourselves and us returning to him with repentant hearts. There are those who grow weary of the back-and-forth, but this is a mistake. Properly speaking it is the transformation of our anxiety-driven need for God into authentic trust that is based on an authentic, well balanced love. We are receiving every grace from on high for this transformation to occur in our souls. The threshold is our clear and firm decision to live our yes, every moment of our lives. May we say yes as Mary did.

PRAYER

Lord, may the greeting of the archangel resound in our hearts as well. You who would await the fullness of time to accomplish your mission, yet placed it all at the mercy of a young girl, assist us now with what you have placed within our hearts. Heal the times we have turned away, and intensify our desire to follow you with our whole selves. Amen.
Apostles’ Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be . . .

PRAYER CHALLENGE FOR THE WEEK

Offer up a day this week before Christmas either to wake up early for prayer or to offer a fast, so as to be in solidarity with Joseph and Mary journeying from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. How have you glorified God in your life?
2. How has your yes to God been a blessing to others?
3. How is the Lord asking you to deepen the yes you have given him?



ST. MARY 2024 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Tuesday, December 24

4:30 pm ~ Christmas Vigil Mass with Choir

7:00 and 10:00 pm ~ Christmas Vigil Mass with Organ and Instrumentals

Wednesday, December 25

9:00 am ~ Christmas Day Mass with LifeTeen Band

11:00 am Misa en español con coro español

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Tuesday, December 31

5:30 pm Holy Day Vigil Mass in English

Wednesday, January 1

8:00 am and 12:15 pm ~ Holy Day Mass in English

6:00 pm Misa del día santo en español

A Candlelight Concert

Celebrating the Christmas Season

Experience an enchanting evening of song showcasing members of the parish

Please RSVP:
information@stmaryengine.com
341.342.1139

Friday, January 3rd, 2025 6:30 PM
St. Mary Catholic Church 1062 Charnelton St.

100% of the Donations at the Door will go to the next Building Project

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Hidden Truth

If you have ever been visibly pregnant, chances are that someone, somewhere, whom you do not know, has reached out to touch your stomach.

I've had this happen to me, and sure, it's a little strange. Generally, I prefer people to ask before they touch me. But it's also very sweet, this great mystical excitement inspired by a pregnant belly. We know that belly is special. We know enclosed within it is hope and potential – the very future of our world. Hidden, but real. How can we help but venerate it?

It's why the pregnant Madonna is my favorite devotional image. I even prefer it over the depictions of the Madonna and Child because I find in the sight of Mary's swollen belly more to meditate upon than I find in the unveiled face of the Christ Child. Salvation and redemption, enclosed in flesh, moving, and growing and breathing, but I cannot see it. It's real and it's true and it's there.

And it is hidden.

There is much about God that we know with certainty. But there is so much that remains beyond our sight, beyond our comprehension. Questions of evil and sorrow. Pain and tragedy. Life and death. Why don't we have all the answers? We grow very impatient about this. We're like teenagers who want to be trusted with all the family secrets. We hate feeling left out of the loop.

But truth, like life, does not come to us showing its face. Perhaps this is because we could not bear its terrible beauty. Perhaps it's because we would not recognize it if it was laid bare for us to see.

But it's there, right in front of us. We can reach out and touch it. We may not see it. We may not understand it. But we can know it.

CATHOLIC Q & A

Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So, we mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable.

Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to be both giver and receiver. Gift-giving sets aside the day as special and different. The special foods, customs, decorations and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness.

In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of his Son. No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all.

HOLIDAY CALENDAR UPDATES

- The Parish Office will be closed from noon on Tuesday, December 24, through Wednesday, January 1. The parish Office reopens on **Thursday, January 2**, at 9:00 am. In the event of an emergency requiring last rites, please call the Parish Office and press 7 to be connected to the answering service.
- OCIA will not meet on **December 24 or 31**.
- The Rosary, Prayer, and Discernment group will not meet on **December 24, 31, or January 7**.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION/RECOLECCIÓN DE OFRENDAS

November 17-23/ 17-23 de noviembre

	Actual	Monthly Need:
Offertory/Ofertorio	\$ 8,728.34	\$74,350.00
Online Giving/en línea	\$ 3,182.00	
Other Income/Otros ingresos	\$ <u>534.81</u>	
Total	\$12,445.15	

Online Giving is easy. Set up one-time or recurring donations at stmaryeugene.com by clicking on the WeShare icon, or click this QR code.



Give to St. Mary via text message

Text "StMary" to 1-800-950-9952, click on the link and complete your gift. Simple, safe, and convenient.

Dar a Santa Maria por mensaje de texto

Envía "StMary" al 1-800-950-9952, haga clic en el enlace y complete su donación. Sencillo, seguro, y conveniente.



Throughout the world, there are many different traditions associated with Christmas. Las Posadas is celebrated throughout Latin America. "Posada" is Spanish for "inn." Over the course of nine nights, local groups reenact the Holy Family's search for lodging in Bethlehem. Children dress as Mary and Joseph, angels, shepherds, and Wise Men. They go from home to home singing Christmas carols throughout the neighborhood. After several "rejections," the final home welcomes the group for a party. Las Posadas is a social event, a family gathering, and a moral lesson. Las Posadas reminds participants of the importance of hospitality and welcome to those in need.

Add a new tradition to your Advent, and join the celebration of Las Posadas at St. Mary, each evening at 7:00 pm, in the Parish Center, through **Sunday, December 22**.

IV DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

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Canción sugerida para meditar mientras se encienden dos velas de adviento moradas y una rosa (elija una):

"El mensaje de Gabriel"

"Puer natus est nobis", un canto gregoriano

"La Virgen sueña caminos", un himno tradicional español

ESCRITURA: Hebreos 10:5-7

Por eso, cuando Cristo vino al mundo, dijo:

"Sacrificios y ofrendas no quisiste,

pero me preparaste cuerpo;

holocaustos y expiaciones por el pecado no te agradaron.

Entonces dije: "He aquí que vengo, oh Dios, para hacer tu voluntad", como está escrito de mí en el rollo del libro".

MEDITACIÓN

Hemos venido a hacer la voluntad de Dios. En su voluntad somos libres. Que seamos liberados de confiar demasiado en nuestra propia fuerza. Que seamos liberados de la falta de confianza en él. Con toda honestidad, somos apenas principiantes en la vida espiritual. Gran parte de nuestro viaje espiritual es este flujo y reflujo entre nuestro deseo de entronizarnos y nuestro retorno a él con corazones arrepentidos. Hay quienes se cansan de este ir y venir, pero es un error. En realidad, se trata de transformar nuestra necesidad ansiosa de Dios en una confianza auténtica, basada en un amor auténtico y equilibrado. Para que esta transformación se produzca en nuestra alma, recibimos todas las gracias de lo alto. El umbral es nuestra decisión clara y firme de vivir nuestro sí, cada momento de nuestra vida. Que podamos decir sí como lo hizo María.

ORACIÓN

Señor, que el saludo del arcángel resuene también en nuestros corazones. Tú que esperaste la plenitud de los tiempos para cumplir tu misión, pero la pusiste toda en manos de una jovencita, ayúdanos ahora con lo que has puesto en nuestros corazones. Sana las veces que nos hemos alejado e intensifica nuestro deseo de seguirte con todo nuestro ser. Amén.

Credo de los Apóstoles, Padrenuestro, Avemaría, Gloria...

DESAFÍO DE ORACIÓN PARA LA SEMANA

Ofrece un día de esta semana antes de Navidad para levantarte temprano para orar o para ofrecer un ayuno, de manera de ser solidario con José y María en su peregrinación de Nazaret a Belén.

PREGUNTAS PARA LA REFLEXIÓN

1. ¿Cómo has glorificado a Dios en tu vida?
2. ¿Cómo ha sido tu sí a Dios una bendición para otros?
3. ¿Cómo te pide el Señor que profundices el sí que le has dado?



HORARIO DE NAVIDAD DE SANTA MARÍA 2024

LA NATIVIDAD DE NUESTRO SEÑOR

Martes 24 de diciembre

- 4:30 pm ~ Misa de Vigilia de Navidad en inglés con Coro e instrumentos
7:00 y 10:00 pm ~ Misa de Vigilia de Navidad en inglés con órgano e instrumentos

Miércoles 25 de diciembre

- 9:00 am ~ Misa del Día de Navidad en inglés con LifeTeen Banda
11:00 am Misa en español con coro español

MARÍA, MADRE DE DIOS

Martes 31 de diciembre

- 5:30 pm Misa de Vigilia del Día Santo en inglés

Miércoles 1 de enero

- 8:00 am y 12:15 pm ~ Misa del día santo en inglés
6:00 pm Misa del día santo en español

CONCIERTO DE NAVIDAD A LA LUZ DE LAS VELAS

Viernes 3 de enero

- 6:30 pm, en la Iglesia. Recepción a continuación.
Escanee el código QR para reservar su espacio.



ACTUALIZACIONES DEL CALENDARIO DE FERIADOS

- La Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada desde el mediodía del martes 24 de diciembre hasta el miércoles 1 de enero y volverá a abrir el **jueves 2 de enero** a las 9:00 a. m. En caso de una emergencia que requiera los últimos sacramentos, llame a la Oficina Parroquial y presione 7 para comunicarse con el servicio de contestador automático.
- OCIA no se reunirá el **24 ni el 31 de diciembre**.
- El grupo de Rosario, Oración y Discernimiento no se reunirá el 24 ni el 31 de diciembre ni el **7 de enero**.

Religious Education: Helps to build a strong foundation



St. Mary offers three programs for children from kindergarten through fifth grade. Contact: Sharon Dunham.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Age-appropriate lessons based on the day's Gospel readings are offered during the 10:00 am Mass for children from kindergarten to fourth grade. No registration is required.

FAITH FORMATION

Classes are offered on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am for kindergarten to sixth-grade children during the school year. Thanks to a generous donor, there is currently no fee and registration is now open.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is offered one week each summer for children entering first through fifth grades in the fall. Registration is required. Dates are announced in spring.

La educación religiosa: ayuda a formar una base sólida



Sta. Maria ofrece tres programas para niños desde jardín de infantes hasta quinto grado. Contacto: Sharon Dunham.

LITURGIA INFANTIL

Se ofrecen lecciones apropiadas para la edad basadas en las lecturas del Evangelio del día durante la misa de las 10:00 am para niños desde jardín de infantes hasta cuarto grado. No se requiere inscripción.

FORMACIÓN EN LA FE

Las clases se ofrecen los domingos por la mañana a las 9:00 a. m. para niños desde el jardín de infantes hasta el sexto grado durante el año escolar. Gracias a un generoso donante, actualmente no hay costo y la inscripción ya está abierta.

LA ESCUELA BÍBLICA DE VACACIONES

La EBV se ofrece una semana cada verano para los niños que ingresan del primero al quinto grado en el otoño. Es necesario registrarse. Las fechas se anuncian en primavera.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

St. Mary offers multiple programs for children and adults preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION

Classes for children grades 2 and above preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion are offered beginning in the fall. Registration is required. Contact: Julie Rutledge

CONFIRMATION

Classes for children grades 7 to 12, preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation are offered beginning in the fall. Registration is required. Contact: Chrysten Copley

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Classes for adults preparing for Confirmation are offered each spring. Registration is required. Contact: Marybeth Schombert.

ORDER OF THE CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

Classes for adults preparing to enter the Catholic Church are offered on Tuesday evenings. Registration is required. Contact: Marybeth Schombert.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Are you engaged, or civilly married but desire the blessing of the church? Are you divorced but want to marry again? Contact Julie Rutledge.

PREPARACIÓN SACRAMENTAL

Sta. Maria ofrece múltiples programas para niños y adultos que se preparan para los sacramentos del Bautismo, la Reconciliación, la Primera Comunión y la Confirmación.

PRIMERA RECONCILIACIÓN Y PRIMERA COMUNIÓN

A partir del otoño se ofrecen clases para niños de 2.º grado y mayores que se preparan para los sacramentos de la Reconciliación y la Primera Comunión. Es necesario inscribirse. Contacto: Julie Rutledge

CONFIRMACIÓN

Se ofrecen clases para niños de 7.º a 12.º grado, preparándose para el Sacramento de la Confirmación, a partir del otoño. Es necesario registrarse. Contacto: Chrysten Copley

CONFIRMACIÓN DE ADULTO

Cada primavera se ofrecen clases para adultos que se preparan para la Confirmación. Es necesario registrarse. Contacto: Marybeth Schombert.

ORDEN DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA DE ADULTOS (OCIA)

A partir del otoño se ofrecen clases para adultos que se preparan para ingresar a la Iglesia Católica. Es necesario registrarse. Contacto: Marybeth Schombert.

PREPARACIÓN DE LA MATRIMONIO

¿Está comprometido o casado por lo civil pero desea la bendición de la iglesia? ¿Está divorciado pero desea casarse nuevamente? Contacto: Julie Rutledge.