

September 7, 2014, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary

Saint Denis Parish

*Brought together by Christ, we, the parish of
St. Denis and Our Lady of the Wayside, respond to his call to live our Catholic faith.*

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Mass Times

St. Denis Church

Saturday: 5:30 pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am

Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Saturday: 4:30 pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 9:30 am

Confession Times

Saturday: 4:00 pm, Our Lady of the Wayside

Saturday: 5:00 pm, St. Denis

St. Denis Church

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**REGISTER FOR
RELIGIOUS ED
TODAY!**



<http://www.stdenisparish.org/religiousedreg>

Pastor's Corner

Dear fellow members of St. Denis and Our Lady of the Wayside,

I am sure that we all have painful memories of being corrected during our growing up years. Those painful memories are because those corrections were an expression of anger, control, impatience or dislike. The correction was never done out of love. That is why we still carry resentment to what happened. In the Gospel reading of today, Jesus is telling us that if we correct someone, we should do it with love. This is especially true when it comes to dealing with young people. We should never correct another if it is not done with love.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who came for the reception on Saturday, August 30. Thank you! I would like to thank all those who helped prepare the reception and in a special way Dede Masters, Lindsey West and Susan Flax. My thanks I would like to extend to all those who stayed back to clean up after the reception. Thank you!

Yours sincerely,
Fr. Jose Shaji

Gospel Reading

Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Mass Intentions

	<u>St. Denis</u>	<u>Our Lady of the Wayside</u>
Sat. 9/06	5:30pm Maureen Cooney+ (Mary Schleifer)	4:30pm for the Parishioners of OLW
Sun. 9/07	7:30am in gratitude (Danuta & Jim Eustice) 9:30am Margaret Marks McGovern+ (Clare & James McGovern) 11:30am William & Catherine Lyons+ (Joan Feeney)	9:30am for the Parishioners of OLW
Mon. 9/08	8:00am for the Parishioners of St. Denis	
Tue. 9/09	8:00am for the Parishioners of St. Denis	
Wed. 9/10	8:00am for the Parishioners of St. Denis	
Thu. 9/11	8:00am for the Parishioners of St. Denis	
Fri. 9/12	8:00am for the Parishioners of St. Denis	

In your charity, please pray for...

Carol Armstrong, Agnes Babcock, Louise Brent, Archie Briggs, Mike Carragee, Lily Chan, Sandra Dailey, Gertrude DeZelaya, Bob Ellis, Amelia Elsbree, Michael Fil, Susan Fil, Ruben Fuentes, Johnny Gentry, Lauren Goode, Michael Ho, Ryan Johnston, Maurice Kidd, Lisa Kitz, Dick Kusa, Matthew Lear, Craig London, Phyllis Lucas, Luke Mars, Ann Martin, Sheri Martin, Dorothy Meyers, Dennis Miller, Rozeh Nikili, Lorraine O'Connor, Lorie Ortega, Angie Real, Jim Rock, Raymond Schaaf Sr, Aileen Schiel, Marie Scott, Omid Sharif, Lilly Schulte, Dorothy Skala, Frank Vitale, David Welling, Bev Wheat, Mila Wright, William Yates and Ada Zilli.

Please call the parish office if you would like to receive Holy Communion at home.

Religious Education

Register Now For Religious Ed!

More than just a Sacramental Prep program, sign-up your kids for Religious Ed **ASAP** in Pre-K through 8th Grade – registration is online at www.stdenisparish.org/religiousedreg. We need to confirm Student Materials orders within the next week.



If you have questions, please contact our Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry, Lindsey West, at lwest@stdenisparish.org or 650-854-1081.

Rel Ed Outdoor Mass & BBQ 2014! Sunday, September 21st at 9:30am.



Theology of the Body for Middle Schoolers

"Who am I?", "Are there consequences to my actions?", "What is the difference between love and lust?", "How do I balance family, friends, school, God, music, TV, internet, texting, etc., in my daily life?"



Theology of the Body for Middle Schoolers answers these questions and more with dynamic speakers, reflection, and discussion.

Our **enrichment program** is geared for middle school students, but parents are encouraged to attend each of the 8 sessions to foster dialogue at home (but it is NOT mandatory). We will meet approximately once a month on Wednesday evenings 7pm-8:30pm (snacks provided). Register online at www.stdenisparish.org/tob-for-middle-school by **September 21st**. If you have questions, please contact Lindsey at lwest@stdenisparish.org

Love & Logic: Free Parent Education Seminar

Do your kids sometimes frustrate and frazzle you? Do you feel more tired and less effective as a parent?



Would you like to: Stop the arguing, temper tantrums and whining, Leave the house with calmness instead of chaos, Have kids listen the first time?

Tuesday Oct 14, 7-8:30 PM @ St. Denis Parish

Registration: www.janadaclark.com
Drawings for prizes! Love & Logic books, parent coaching sessions valued at \$50 and a chance to win a class series at half price! Join us for a lively presentation & add 3 new tools to your parenting tool kit!
Love and Logic class series to follow on Saturdays from 10-11:30 AM starting 11/01.

Catholic Scouting

Calling all Girl Scouts! Are you interested in furthering your scouting adventures and deepening your faith through service, fun and prayer? Join our Faith-Based Girl Scout Group which will meet once a month during the school year. Sign-ups will begin at the upcoming outdoor mass. Contact Elizabeth Radford: lizralford@yahoo.com or 650-485-9491.

Young Adult Ministry

Wine & the Word



Join Catholic Young Adults (21+) for some delicious wine while mulling over Sacred Scripture at Fr. Jose's house. The first Wine and the Word is Monday, September 15th at 7:30pm. Fr. Jose's house is behind the parish office. **Please RSVP to Lindsey or Fr. Jose at lwest@stdenisparish.org or joseshaji.62@gmail.com.**



2014 Reconnect: Come As You Are

Diocese of San Jose
Young Adult Retreat

October 3-5, 2014
Friday evening-Sunday afternoon
Vallombrosa Retreat Center



Surrounded by the stress and distractions of the world, our faith can get lost. We may question our value and even God's love. How do we find our way back? Where does faith fit in our life? We are each in a different place on our faith journey, but we all need to connect with Him. Listen to God calling you back. Reconnect and discover a community of faithful and faith-curious young adults from all over the Bay Area at the Pure Fire Retreat.

For cost & registration, visit bit.ly/purefire2014
Questions? Email Kate at purefire@dsj.org

Follow us:
 Young Adult Catholics of San Jose
 DSJYoungAdults

Youth Ministry

Don't be a boring Catholic—have fun, make new friends, hang out with old friends, be transformed with inspiring speakers, rock out with awesome bands, and enjoy (or be terrified by) the rides at Six



Flags Vallejo. Saturday, September 20th from 6:00am-11:00pm. This is for high school age or older to participate. The cost is \$80 per student which includes the entrance to the OnFire Jam, three meals, and transportation. Contact lwest@stdenisparish.org for more info on the OnFire NorCal Jam 2014 teen event.

Info & Registration form available at:

www.stdenisparish.org/onfire2014

Return permission slip and payment by Sunday, September 7th to Lindsey West in the Parish Office

High Schoolers: Sunday Lunches on Sex, Dating, and Relationships

What is the difference between love and lust? Why did God give us our sexual desires? How do we speak the "language of the body"? Hear some insightful



answers to these questions and more while enjoying lunch (free pizza) and having meaningful conversation with friends and peers at TOB for Teens. All high school students and your friends are invited to sign-up.

We will meet 12 times between September and May (so about one to two times a month) Sundays after the 11:30am Mass from 12:30pm-2pm, beginning with lunch together (yup, food is included).

Register online at www.stdenisparish.org/hstobreg by **September 15th**. If you have questions, please contact

What is XLT (exalt)?

Everyday you have people who expect great things from you. There is pressure to do well at school, sports, music, dance, etc. Stress is high. XLT is an hour and a half opportunity once every few months to just come and be. Be yourself. Be with friends. Be with God. Be inspired.

Wednesday, 22 October 2014, our first XLT Mid-Peninsula of the year, will welcome speaker, **Jim Harbaugh**, head coach of the 49ers. A phenomenal band will provide the stellar music. XLT brings together middle schoolers and high schoolers from throughout the peninsula. XLT is 7pm-8:30pm, with hospitality beginning at 6:30pm at Sacred Heart School.

To order your tickets (\$10/ticket), please go to <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/xlt-mid-peninsula-encounter-with-jim-harbaugh-tickets-12537178037>. Seating is limited.

If you have questions, contact Lindsey West at lwest@stdenisparish.org.

A promotional poster for the XLT Mid-Peninsula Encounter. The text 'GAT HER BE INSPIRED' is written vertically on the left, 'PRAISE DORE' vertically on the right, and 'XLT' in large letters in the center. Below this, it says 'Mid-Peninsula Encounter'. The background features a sunburst, speakers, and a photo of Jim Harbaugh. Text at the bottom includes 'Guest Speaker: Jim Harbaugh', 'Wednesday, October 22 @ 6:30p-8:30p', 'Tickets are \$10 each', and 'For tickets visit stdenisparish.org/xlt Questions? Contact Lindsey West at lwest@stdenisparish.org'. At the very bottom, it says 'Event is for High School & Middle School students'. The location 'St. Denis St. Raymond Nativity' is listed in the top right corner.

Saint of the Week: St. John Chrysostom

September 13 - The ambiguity and intrigue surrounding John, the great preacher (his name means "golden-mouthed") from Antioch, are characteristic of the life of any great man in a capital city. Brought to Constantinople after a dozen years of priestly service in Syria, John found himself the reluctant victim of an imperial ruse to make him bishop in the greatest city of the empire. Ascetic, unimposing but dignified, and troubled by stomach ailments from his desert days as a monk, John became a bishop under the cloud of imperial politics. If his body was weak, his tongue was powerful. The content of his sermons, his exegesis of Scripture, were never without a point. Sometimes the point stung the high and mighty. Some sermons lasted up to two hours. His lifestyle at the imperial court was very modest. His zeal led him to decisive action. Bishops who bribed their way into office were deposed. Many of his sermons called for concrete steps to share wealth with the poor. The rich did not appreciate hearing this message. When it came to justice and charity, John acknowledged no double standards. Aloof, energetic, outspoken, especially when he became excited in the pulpit, John was a sure target for criticism. His actions taken against unworthy bishops in Asia Minor were viewed by other ecclesiastics as a greedy, uncanonical extension of his authority. Theophilus, archbishop of Alexandria, and Empress Eudoxia were determined to discredit John. Theophilus took occasion to charge John with fostering heresy. Theophilus and other angered bishops were supported by Eudoxia. The empress resented his sermons contrasting gospel values with the excesses of imperial court life. And finally she did manage to have John exiled. He died in exile in 407.



Please pray for the repose of **Stephen Bellumori** who died recently.
There will be a memorial Mass on Wednesday, September 10, 1:00 pm at St. Denis Church.

Weekly Stewardship Report

Deficit Fund Goal: \$21,748
Collected to Date: \$8,479

	August 30/31, 2014		August 31 / September 1, 2013	
	Sunday Collection	E-Giving	Sunday Collection	E-Giving
Parish Charity				
St. Denis	\$3,607.00	\$2,678.25	St. Denis	\$4,554.00
OLW	\$790.00	\$531.66	OLW	\$1,121.00
	Total: \$7,606.91		Total: \$8,903.91	
	Monthly Total, August 2014		Monthly Total, August 2013	
	Sunday Collection	E-Giving	Sunday Collection	E-Giving
St. Denis	\$17,796.80	\$10,551.42	St. Denis	\$17,579.00
OLW	\$4,770.00	\$2,156.66	OLW	\$6,138.00
	Total: \$35,274.88		Total: \$34,267.67	
Total: \$2,456.00				

On behalf of the San Mateo County Jail and Maple Street Shelter, the Outreach Committee thanks everyone who donated books and magazines.

Interfaith Jubilee Service

Saturday, September 21

Before Mass, come to this "once in 50-years" all faiths celebration from 8:00 am - 9:00 am on the lawn of the Town Center. It is the lead-off event of the day for the Town of Portola Valley's 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Music Ministry

Parish Band

Do you play a musical instrument? Please sign-up to participate in the parish band for the outdoor Mass & BBQ (Sunday, September 21, 9:30 am). Please contact Jeffery Abbott: jabbott@stdenisparrish.org.

Senior Ministry

Senior Luncheon

The next Senior Luncheon will be Monday, September 29, at noon. Call Dede at the parish office to sign up. (650) 854-5976

Pillow Case Dresses

Parish Tea Committee will be collecting Pillow cases, fabric, buttons, lace, ribbons from Sunday September 14-28. Please no see thru fabric and no Disney characters. Two workshops have been scheduled on Oct 19 and 26 from 11 am to 2 pm at St. Denis Parish Hall, (Lunch provided) or you could make the dress at home. Instructions will be provided after 9:30 Mass on the Patio on September 14 and 9/28. ***We're not just sending dresses, we're sending hope." Human traffickers are less likely to snatch little girls for slavery if the girls are well clothed.*** In the red dirt of Malawi, a simple idea was born to not only offer relief, but to also plant the seeds of worthiness, in the hearts of God's most vulnerable: little girls. For more detail please call Josephine at 650.506.6571 or email: jsdorval@yahoo.com



Immaculate Conception Academy

Immaculate Conception Academy, an all-girls, College Prep Catholic High School located in the Mission District in San Francisco has implemented a work-study program and is looking for organizations to sponsor their students. Currently, just to cite a few, the girls are working at companies such as GAP, Bank of the West, UCSF, Jones Day Law Firm, Heffernan Insurance Brokers, etc. A team of 4 students works at an organization to cover one full-time position, rotating work days. Operating as essentially a small, outsourcing staff agency, ICA enables the organization to fill needed clerical or entry-level positions. The students are on site 36 weeks a year, 40 hours a week adding diversity, enthusiasm and a willingness to learn and succeed.

For more information please contact Sister Lilly at (415) 824 2052 ext 28 and/or visit ICA's website at www.icacademy.org

Sr. Lilly Fitzpatrick will speak at the Masses at OLVW on September 13 and 14.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

There is an important In-Service Meeting today, following the 9:30am Mass in the St. Denis Chapel, this meeting will be repeated on Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 7 pm. If you are in these ministries, please plan on attending one of these informative meetings. If you are a confirmed youth and would like to join these ministries, please contact Lindsey at lwest@stdenisparrish.org.

Ministry Schedule

next week, September 13 & 14

St. Denis

5:30pm **Lector:** Ann Marie Jewell
E.M.: Brigitte Mornand, Tina Morris, Anne Marie Jewell

7:30am **Lectors:** Danuta Eustice, Maria Decker
E.M.: Jackie Tornes, Sandy Rock

9:30am **Lectors:** Roy Thiele-Sardina, Eileen Braunreiter
E.M.: Susanna Tang, Catherine Coluzzi, Josephine Dorval, Marlene Hunter, Barbara Mason, Dave Welch*

11:30am **Lector:** F Muennemann
E.M.: L Lombardi, Nancy & Bob Neuer

Our Lady of the Wayside

4:30pm **Lector:** Sullivan
E.M.: Schar, Mingram

9:30am **Lector:** Healey
E.M.: Alfano B., Healey, Anderson