

December 7, 2014, 2nd Sunday in Advent

# 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.*

**The Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Monday, December 8

Holy Day of Obligation

**OLW: 7:30 am & 5:00 pm**

**St. Denis: 8:00 am & 6:00 pm**



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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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### Our Lady of the Wayside Church

930 Portola Road • Portola Valley

## Pastor's Corner

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

The most common news these days is about protest, the protest for justice, against discrimination, protest for democracy in the different parts of the world and violent protest induced by religious fanaticism. The Gospel reading of this Sunday presents us with John the Baptist who had a message, who lived the message and whose entire life was a protest. He wanted to see a change in the society. He never advocated violence. People still listened to his message. Today many preach a message that they themselves deny by their lives. There are people who preach the virtues of detachment and selfless giving from comfortable homes. But, John was different. He lived his message. He himself was the message. John invites us today to live our convictions and beliefs in our daily lives. We can change the world by living our convictions in a peaceful way.

On December 8, we celebrate the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It is a Holiday of Obligation. On Monday December 8, the Masses at OLW will be at 7.30 am and 5:00 pm. The Masses at St Denis will be at 8.00 am and 6:00 pm.

There will be no wine and the word on December 8.

The communal penance service will be on Wednesday, December 17 at St Denis Church. There will be opportunity to receive the Sacrament of reconciliation individually.

Yours sincerely,  
Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

## Gospel Reading

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

## Mass Intentions

	<u>St. Denis</u>	<u>Our Lady of the Wayside</u>
<b>Sat. 12/06</b>	5:30pm Tom Kirkbride† (Frank Koch)	4:30pm parishioners of OLW
<b>Sun. 12/07</b>	7:30am Tad Daszkiewicz† (Danuta & Jim Eustice) 9:30am Mrs. Edward Smyth† 11:30am Tom Kirkbride† (James Quinn family)	9:30am parishioners of OLW
<b>Mon. 12/08</b>	<b>8:00am parishioners of St. Denis</b> <b>6:00pm parishioners of St. Denis</b>	<b>7:30am parishioners of OLW</b> <b>5:00pm parishioners of OLW</b>
<b>Tue. 12/09</b>	8:00am Mary Margaret Koch†	
<b>Wed. 12/10</b>	8:00am parishioners of St. Denis	
<b>Thu. 12/11</b>	8:00am parishioners of St. Denis	
<b>Fri. 12/12</b>	8:00am parishioners of St. Denis	

## In your charity, please pray for...

Carol Armstrong, Agnes Babcock, Louise Brent, Mike Carragee, Lily Chan, Sandra Dailey, Gertrude DeZelaya, Bob Ellis, Amelia Elsbree, Michael Fil, Susan Fil, Ruben Fuentez, Johnny Gentry, Lauren Goode, Michael Ho, Ryan Johnston, Maurice Kidd, Lisa Kitz, Matthew Lear, 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, Kathy Schoendorf, Marie Scott, Omid Sharif, Dorothy Skala, Frank Vitale, David Welling, Bev Wheat, Mila Wright, William Yates, Ada Zilli and Jean Zonner.

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

## Saint of the Week: St. Juan Diego

**December 9** - Juan Diego was born in 1474 in the calpulli located 20 kilometers (14 miles) north of Tenochtitlan (Mexico City). On December 9, 1531, Juan Diego rose before dawn to walk fifteen miles to daily Mass in what is now Mexico City. Juan lived a simple life as a weaver, farmer, and laborer. That morning, as Juan passed Tepeyac Hill, he heard music and saw a glowing cloud encircled by a rainbow. There he saw a beautiful young woman dressed like an Aztec princess. She said she was the Virgin Mary and asked Juan to tell the bishop to build a church on that site. She said, "I vividly desire that a church be built on this site, so that in it I can be present and give my love, compassion, help, and defense, for I am your most devoted mother . . . to hear your laments and to remedy all your miseries, pains, and sufferings." The bishop was kind but skeptical. He asked Juan to bring proof of the Lady's identity. Before Juan could go back to the Lady, he found out his uncle was dying. Hurrying to get a priest, Juan missed his meeting with the Lady. The Lady, however, met him on his path and told him that his uncle had been cured. She then told Juan to climb to the top of the hill where they first met. Juan was shocked to find flowers growing in the frozen soil. He gathered them in his cloak and took them at once to the bishop. Juan told the bishop what had happened and opened his cloak. The flowers that fell to the ground were Castilian roses (which were not grown in Mexico). But the bishop's eyes were on the glowing image of the Lady imprinted inside Juan's cloak. Soon after, a church was built on the site where our Lady appeared, and thousands converted to Christianity. Our Lady of Guadalupe was declared the patroness of the Americas.



He died on May 30, 1548, at the age of 74.

## Weekly Stewardship Report

November 29/30, 2014			November 30 / December 1, 2013		
	Sunday Collection	E-Giving		Sunday Collection	E-Giving
St. Denis	\$3,265.00	\$2,667.25	St. Denis	\$4,610.00	\$2,635.04
OLW	\$1,372.00	\$545.41	OLW	\$764.00	\$578.34
<b>Total: \$7,849.66</b>			<b>Total: \$8,587.38</b>		
Monthly Total, November 2014			Monthly Total, November 2013		
	Sunday Collection	E-Giving		Sunday Collection	E-Giving
St. Denis	\$19,503.00	\$11,589.66	St. Denis	\$24,574.00	\$10,511.00
OLW	\$6,339.00	\$1,984.16	OLW	\$5,090.00	\$2,562.00
<b>Total: \$39,415.82</b>			<b>Total: \$42,737.00</b>		

## Second Collection

Last weekend's Parish Charity Collection raised \$ 3,309. Thank you for your generosity.

On December 13-14 the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken. Your gift will help defray some of the costs needed to care for our elderly religious and relieve the genuine financial crisis in many religious congregations. Whatever you give will be greatly appreciated. Please be generous. Most importantly, please remember in your prayers the more than 630 women and men religious living and serving in the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

## Religious Education

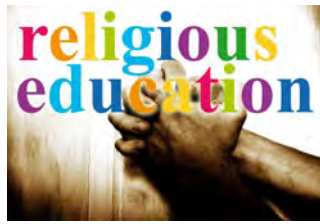
### Religious Ed News

**THIS Sunday, Dec. 7th**

**9:30am**—Pre-K through 5th Grade (*EXCEPT 2nd Grade*)

**10:30-11:30am**—6th/7th Grade

**1:00pm-4pm**—First Reconciliation Workshop



**Next Sunday (12/14)**

**9:30am**—Pre-K through 5th Grade

**10:30-11:30am**—6th/7th Grade

**10:30-11:30am**—Big Kids' Sacramental Prep Class

**12:30pm-1:30pm**—TOB for HS

**3:00pm-7:00pm**—Maple Street Shelter Dinner by Year 2 Confirmation

### Upcoming Dates & Events

**12/6 (Sat)** - Year 2 Confirmation Retreat

**12/7 (Sun)** - 1st Reconciliation Workshop

**12/13 (Sat)** - First Reconciliation (2nd Grade)

**12/17 (Wed)** - TOB for Middle School



### Year 2 Confirmation Retreat

A HUGE thank you to the Youth Leadership Team for planning and running our excellent Year 2 Confirmation Retreat this

Saturday—**Mary Andrighetto, Jack Cooper, Fallon Falore, John McGrory, Charlie Reeves, Elizabeth Shaffer, and Marcello Vial.** The team has been meeting since early September to prepare a spiritual profound, fun, and engaging retreat.

Thank you, also, to our Year 2 Confirmation Class Teachers who helped chaperone: Stacy Molano and Mark Leake. Thank you to Marilyn Henriksen for helping with our lunch for the students and leaders, as well.

## Youth Ministry

### YOUTH COUNCIL

After the great success working with our Youth Leadership Team and incorporating feedback from our teens, St. Denis is forming a Parish

Youth Council to be the voice of the teenage members of our community.

The Youth Council will meet monthly with Fr. Jose and Lindsey West to advise and help implement best practices and programs for the enrichment and empowerment of the youth of our parish and within our local community.

There is a very brief application for the Youth Council now available in the back of the church and on our website on the Youth Ministry Page. We invite all youth interested in making a change and improving our parish to apply.

Questions? Contact Lindsey West at [lwest@stdenisparish.org](mailto:lwest@stdenisparish.org).



*Save The Date*

Our **Annual Youth Fundraising Dinner** is Saturday, January 31st at 6:30pm.

Proceeds towards our fundraising dinner go to support youth enrichment trips such as the Teen Leadership Conference in June 2015 and, especially, World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland in Summer 2016.



## Musical Opportunities for Advent and Christmas

All parishioners are invited to become involved in music ministry.  
Here is a schedule of musical opportunities for Christmas Eve:

### Children's Choir

*rehearses after 9:30 am Mass 12/7, 12/14, 12/23*  
*sings at the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass, St. Denis*

### Adult Choir, OLW

*rehearses Wednesday, 7:30 pm 12/10, 12/17*  
*sings at the 9:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass, OLW*

### Adult Choir, St. Denis

*rehearses Thursday, 7:00 pm 12/4, 12/11, 12/18*  
*sings at the 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass, St. Denis*

## Musicians' Recital

Please join us on Sunday, **December 21**, 4:00 pm at St. Denis Church for an organ, piano and guitar recital and Christmas Carol Sing featuring our parish musicians: Kelly Lim, Ethan Williams, Bryan Lorentz and Jeffery Abbott.

## Caroling, Sweets & Savories

Our Lady of the Wayside will be having an afternoon of singing, sweets and savories on **December 14**, Sunday at 3:00 pm at the OLW Rectory. Everyone is invited to this celebration!



**Christmas Concert**  
*With the*  
**Vallombrosa Choir**  
*Musical Direction by Patrick Feehan*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2014 2:00PM**

Please join us at the Vallombrosa Center Chapel  
250 Oak Grove Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025

*Admission is Free. Donations Are Gratefully Accepted.*

For directions: [www.vallombrosa.org/contact](http://www.vallombrosa.org/contact)

## Wine and the Word

Wine and the Word, scheduled for December 8, has been cancelled. The next Wine and the Word will be on Monday, January 26.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

There will be a communal penance service at St. Denis Church on Wednesday, December 17, at 7:00 pm. There will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation individually.

## Our Parish Councils

### Pastoral Council

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## Christmas Tea

### 8th Annual Parish Christmas Tea

## *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

Saturday, December 13, 1:00-3:00 pm  
St. Denis Parish Center

**Guest Speaker:**  
**Fr. Gladstone H. Stevens, S.S.**

Tickets can be purchased (\$25.00 per guest) in the parish office, on the parish website or from Barbara Mason.

## Christmas Mass Schedule

### Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24

St. Denis Church  
4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Our Lady of the Wayside Church  
4:00 pm & 9:00 pm

### Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25

St. Denis Church  
7:30 am, 9:30 am & 11:30 am

Our Lady of the Wayside Church  
9:30 am

## Christmas Giving Tree

The Christmas Giving Trees will be in both churches beginning Saturday, Nov. 29. Gift tags may be removed and attached to gifts that should be returned to the church no later than Sunday, Dec. 14. Please securely attach the tags to your gifts paying special attention to whether gift wrapping is required which will be noted on the back of each tag. Gifts will be delivered to St. Francis Center, Catholic Worker House, Maple Street Homeless Shelter and Hoover Pre-School. If you cannot take a tag but would prefer to contribute there will be a box in the back of each church for donations. Any amount is appreciated. Questions should be directed to **Marlene Hunter, (650) 325-4058.**

## Ministry Schedule

### St. Denis

December 13/14

5:30pm **Lector:** Ann Marie Jewell  
**E.M.:** Brigitte Mornand, Tina Morris, Anne Marie Jewell  
7:30am **Lectors:** Maria Decker, Danuta Eustice  
**E.M.:** Jackie Ternes, Bill & Gerri Beasley  
9:30am **Lectors:** Peter McNamee, Tereza McNamee  
**E.M.:** Ann O'Hearn, George Quiter III, Kathie Shaw, Jill Stanley, Scott Stanley, Dave Welch\*  
11:30am **Lector:** F. Muennemann  
**E.M.:** L. Lombardi, L. Marco, P. Dewes

### Our Lady of the Wayside

4:30pm **Lector:** Vonderlinden  
**E.M.:** Schar, Vonderlinden  
9:30am **Lector:** Hauer  
**E.M.:** Aymerich, Ruggeri, Carroll

\* sacristan